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In fulfilling its statutory mandate for the monitoring of health care services related to worker's compensation, the Department of Industrial Accidents', Office of Health Policy (OHP) is implementing the Compensation Review System (CRS). This data system will allow the Department to monitor billing data on services delivered to injured/ill workers and to compare this data to the Health Care Services Board's endorsed treatment guidelines.

As previously described we will be collecting data quarterly for back injuries only. The information collected will be based on the date of payment for treatment approved by the insurer. For example, if the insurer approved payment on January 1, 2003 for a procedure completed in December of the previous year, it should be included in the 2003 data aggregate.

First quarter claims data should include all office visits, physical therapy treatments, occupational therapy treatments, chiropractic visits, and x-rays for back injuries for January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003. CRS data is to be sent via CD-ROM to the Office of Health Policy or e-mailed to franc@dia.state.ma.us. All data is to be in either excel or text format. Fran Clarke can address any further questions that you might have. Her telephone number is 617 727-4900 x583.

The following shows the required CRS data fields:

Required fields:

- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Date of Birth
- ☐ Claimant Zip Code
- ☐ Date of Injury
- ☐ Date of Treatment
- ☐ CPT Code (all CPTs associated with ICD9s are to be reported)
- ☐ ICD-9 Code
- ☐ Insurer's Federal Employee ID#
- ☐ Insurer's Claim #
- ☐ Provider's Federal Employer ID #
- ☐ Provider's Zip Code

I have enclosed the list of ICD-9 codes that are to be reported.

Note: Primary ICD-9 is the ICD-9 code associated with a claim which is defined as the ICD-9 code reported in the last 30 days of the medical treatment for the claim that represents the largest of payments during that period.

We have also listed below the insurer entities in which we believe you are associated with, if this is inaccurate please contact Fran Clarke at (617) 727-4900 x 583 or email cathyf@dia.state.ma.us.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.